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IN THE CLAIMS

40B --1. (Amended) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording [it into] the data onto a second recording medium;

a control unit for generating [a] basic data for imposing [the] payment from at least [a] data indicative of [the] a user identification and [a] data indicative of [the] a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving [a] data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium; and

a payment imposing unit for when receiving the basic data from the control unit[, performing the] imposing [of the] payment according to the received basic data and transmitting to the

control unit [a] data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment.

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--2. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the payment imposing unit [has] includes a key data generator for generating [a] key data as the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment from the received basic data.

--3. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the control unit judges whether the key data received from the payment imposing unit as the data indicative of completion of [the] imposing payment is authentic [or not] and controls [the action] operation of the record/playback unit with a result of the judgment.

--4. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the control unit collates the key data received from the payment imposing unit as the data indicative of completion of [the] imposing payment with [a] key lock data stored therein and, when it is found from the collation that the key data is authentic, directs the record/playback unit to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium.

5 W577 > --5. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the control unit, when it is judged that the key data received is authentic, directs the record/playback unit in response to the data indicative of a speed [data] to record the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium.

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--6. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the data indicative of a speed [data] in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording it [into] onto the second recording medium at [the standard] a predetermined speed, cancels [the] imposing [of the] payment and generates the key data.

--7. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the data indicative of a speed [data] in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording it [into] onto the second recording medium at a speed faster than the standard speed, [performs the imposing of the] imposes payment and generates the key data.

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according to claim 1, further comprising:

an operating unit connected to the control unit; and

a data storage unit where a plurality of data [are] is stored, wherein the control unit reads out [a] corresponding data from the data storage unit in response to [an] indicator data supplied from the operating unit and directs the record/playback unit to record the data read out from the data storage unit [into] onto the first recording medium.

--9. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the data storage unit is connected via a communications line to the control unit.

--10. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the payment imposing unit is connected via a communications line to the control unit.

--11. (Amended) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording [it into] the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus capable of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording [it into] the data onto the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

generating [a] basic data for imposing [the] payment from [a] data indicative of [the] a user identification and [a] data

indicative of [the] a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

[performing the] imposing [of the] payment according to the basic data received and generating [a] data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment.

--12. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 11[, wherein the payment imposing unit generates] further comprising the step of:

generating [a] key data using the payment imposing unit as the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment from the basic data received.

--13. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method

according to claim 12[, wherein it is judged] further comprising the steps of:

judging whether the key data received as the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment is authentic; [or not] and [its result determines the]

recording [of] the data [into] onto the second recording medium based on the judging.

--14. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 13, [wherein with the apparatus holding a key lock data,] further comprising the steps of:

collating the key data received as the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment [is collated] with [the] key lock data held within the apparatus to judge the authenticity of the key data; and [when it is judged authentic, permits the]

recording [of] the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium when the key data is judged authentic.

--15. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 14[, wherein when the key data received is judged authentic, the] further comprising the steps of:

recording [of] the data [into] onto the second recording medium [is carried out] according to the data indicative of a speed [data] when the key data is judged authentic.

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--16. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 12[, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the speed data in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at the standard speed, cancels] further comprising the steps of

canceling [the] imposing [of the] payment and [generates] generating the key data when the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it onto the second recording medium at a predetermined speed.

--17. [A] The record/playback method according to claim 16[, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the speed data in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the standard speed, perform the] further comprising the steps of:

imposing [of the] payment and [generates] generating the key data when the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording the read-out data onto the second recording medium at a speed faster than the predetermined speed.

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--18. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 11[, wherein [a] corresponding data is read] further comprising the step of:

reading out corresponding data from a data storage unit in response to [an] indicator data supplied from an operating unit and recorded [into] onto the first recording medium.

--19. (Amended) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a record/playback unit for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording [it into] the data onto a second recording medium; and

a control unit for generating [a] basic data for imposing [the] payment from at least [a] data indicative of [the] a user identification and [a] data indicative of [the] a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium and transmitting the basic data, and when receiving [a] data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment, directing the record/playback unit in response to the received data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium.

--20. (Amended) A record/playback apparatus according

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to claim 19, wherein the control unit judges whether [the] key data received as the data indicative of completion of [the] imposing payment is authentic [or not] and controls [the action] operation of the record/playback unit with a result of the judgment.

--21. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the control unit collates the key data received as the data indicative of completion of [the] imposing payment with [a] key lock data stored therein and, when [it is found from] the collation indicates that the key data is authentic, directs the record/playback unit to start the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium.

--22. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the control unit, when it is judged that the key data received is authentic, directs the record/playback unit in response to the data indicative of a speed [data] to record the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium.

SUB BIO --23. (Amended) A record/playback method comprising the steps of:

[in response to an indicator data received from an operating

unit in an apparatus capable of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording it into a second recording medium,]

reading out [a] corresponding data from a data storage unit where a plurality of data [are] is stored and recording [it into the] the data onto a second recording medium in response to indicator data received from an operating unit in an apparatus for reading out data from a first recording medium and recording the data onto a second recording medium;

generating [a] basic data for imposing [the] payment from [a] data indicative of [the] a user identification and [a] data indicative of [the] a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

[performing the] imposing [of the] payment according to the basic data received and generating [a] data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment in the payment imposing unit;

transmitting the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording

medium in response to the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment.

--24. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 23, wherein the payment imposing unit performs the step of imposing [of the] payment according to history information about recording on the recording medium both the basic data received and the data read out from the data storage unit.

--25. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 23[, wherein the payment imposing unit generates a] further comprising the step of:

generating key data as the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment from the basic data received.

--26. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 25, [wherein it is judged] further comprising the steps of:

judging whether the key data received as the data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment is authentic; [or not] and [its the result determine the]

recording [of] the data [into] onto the second recording medium based on the results of judging.

--27. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 26[, wherein with the apparatus holding a key lock data, the key data received as the data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment is collated] further comprising the steps of:

collating [with the] key lock data held within the apparatus with the key data in order to authenticate the key data; and [when it is judged authentic, permits]

permitting the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium when the key data is judged authentic.

--28. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 27[, wherein when the key data received is judged authentic, the] further comprising the step of:

recording [of] the data [into] onto the second recording medium [is carried out] according to the data indicative of a speed [data] when the key data received is judged authentic.

--29. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 25[, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the speed data in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at the standard speed, cancels] further comprising the steps of:

canceling the imposing [of the] payment and [generates] generating the key data when the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a predetermined speed.

--30. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 29[, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the speed data in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the standard speed, perform the] further comprising the steps of:

imposing [of the] payment and [generates] generating the key data when the data indicative of a speed in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first recording medium and recording the read-out data onto the second recording medium at a speed faster than the predetermined speed.

SUBMIT --31. (Amended) A record/playback apparatus comprising:

a first unit for [at least] reading out data from a first recording medium;

a second unit for [at least] recording the data [into] onto

a second recording medium;

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a control unit for generating [a] basic data for imposing [the] payment from at least [a] data indicative of [the] a user identification and [a] data indicative of [the] a speed for recording the data read out from the first unit [into] onto the second recording medium in the second unit, transmitting the basic data, and when receiving [a] data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment, [directs] directing the first and second units in response to the received data to start the recording of the data read out from the first unit [into] onto the second recording medium in the second unit; and

a payment imposing unit for receiving the basic data from the control unit, [performing the] imposing [of the] payment according to the basic data received, and transmitting the data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment to the control unit.

--32. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the payment imposing unit has a key data generator for generating [a] key data as the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment from the basic data received.

--33. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the control unit judges whether

the key data received as the data indicative of imposing [the] payment from the payment imposing unit is authentic [or not] and controls the action of the first and second units with a result of the judgment.

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 --34. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 33, wherein the control unit holds [a] key lock data and collates the key data received from the payment imposing unit as the data indicative of completion of [the] imposing payment with the key lock data, and when [it is found from] the collation indicates that the key data is authentic, directs the second unit to start the recording of the data read out from the first unit [into] onto the second recording medium.

--35. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the control unit, when it is judged that the key data received is authentic, directs the first and second units in response to the data indicative of a speed [data] to record the data read out from the first unit [into] onto the second recording medium in [the] the second unit.

--36. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the data indicative of a speed [data] in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the

first unit and recording [it into] the read-out onto the second recording medium in the second unit at [the standard] a predetermined speed, cancels the imposing [of the] payment and generates the key data.

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--37. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the payment imposing unit, when the data indicative of a speed [data] in the basic data received from the control unit is indicative of reading out data from the first unit and recording it [into] onto the second recording medium in the second unit at a speed faster than the [standard] predetermined speed, [performs the imposing of the] imposes payment and generates the key data.

*Int 07* --38. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising:

an operating unit connected to the control unit; and  
a data storage unit where a plurality of data [are] is stored, wherein the control unit reads out [a] corresponding data from the data storage unit in response to [an] indicator data supplied from the operating unit and directs the read/playback unit to record the data read out from the data storage unit [into] onto the first recording medium.

--39. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus



according to claim 38, wherein the data storage unit is connected via a communications line to the control unit.

--40. (Amended) [A] The record/playback apparatus according to claim 31, wherein the payment imposing unit is connected via a communications line to the control unit.

*Sub B12* --41. (Amended) A record/playback method of reading out data from a first recording medium and recording [it into] the data onto a second recording medium with the use of an apparatus [capable of] for reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium, the method comprising the steps of:

generating [a] basic data for imposing [the] payment from [a] data indicative of [the] a user identification and [a] data indicative of [the] a speed for recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium;

transmitting the basic data from the apparatus to a payment imposing unit;

[when the speed data in the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at the standard speed,] canceling [the] imposing [of the] payment and generating [a] key data when the data indicative of a speed in

the basic data received is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a predetermined speed; [or when the speed data is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the standard speed, performing the]

imposing [of the] payment and generating [a] key data when the data indicative of a speed is indicative of reading out the data from the first recording medium and recording it into the second recording medium at a speed faster than the predetermined speed;

transmitting the data indicative of [the] completion of imposing [the] payment from the payment imposing unit to the apparatus; and

directing the apparatus to start recording the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium in response to the data indicative of the completion of imposing [the] payment.

--42. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 41[, wherein it is judged that] further comprising the steps of:

judging whether the key data received is authentic; [or not] and [its result determines the]

recording [of] the data [into] onto the second recording

medium based on the judging.

--43. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 42[, wherein with the apparatus holding a key lock data, the key data received as the data indicative of the completion of imposing the payment is collated with the] further comprising the steps of:

collating key lock data with the key data to judge whether the key data is authentic; and [when it is judged authentic, permits]

permitting the recording of the data read out from the first recording medium [into] onto the second recording medium when the key data is judged authentic.

545 B13 / --44. (Amended) [A] The record/playback method according to claim 14[, wherein when the key data received is judged authentic, the] further comprising the step of:

recording [of] the data [into] onto the second recording medium [is carried out] according to the data indicative of a speed [data] when the key data is judged authentic.--

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-44 remain in the application all claims having been amended hereby.